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Viewing cable 08USNATO276, NATO STRUGGLES TO REACT TO SOUTH OSSETIA FIGHTING

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08USNATO276	2008-08-08 14:16	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET//NOFORN	Mission USNATO

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SUBJECT: NATO STRUGGLES TO REACT TO SOUTH OSSETIA FIGHTING

REF: USNATO 274 Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Bruce Weinrod for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C) SUMMARY: As the crisis situation in Georgia unfolded on August 8, NATO Allies and the International Staff struggled with how to respond
2. (C) On August 8, the Czech Mission contacted Charge Weinrod, proposing that an emergency session of the North Atlantic Council (NAC) be convened
3. (C) De Hoop Scheffer had also directed the release of a press statement in his name calling on all sides to end the violence (reftel).
4. (C) Senior NATO staff are speaking this afternoon with the Georgian Deputy PM and have been asked to meet with the Russian NATO Charge. Unf
5. (C) According to an American contact on the NATO International Staff (strictly protect), the German Mission had already used the unfolding
6. (S/NF) USNATO has received no questions about the status of Georgian forces in Iraq.

Comment -----

7. (C) Georgia, as a member of the Partnership for Peace, has a right to consult with NATO on any perceived direct threat to its territorial i